

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

February 29, 2000

FROM: **MARK H. UFFER**, Interim Director
 Arrowhead Regional Medical Center

SUBJECT: **INLAND FACULTY MEDICAL GROUP CONTRACT**

RECOMMENDATION: Approve payments made to Inland Faculty Medical Group from July 1998 – October 1999, in the amount of \$843,545.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Arrowhead Regional Medical Center operates five(5) Family Health Centers in the Inland Empire. These sites, Colton Family Health Center, Fontana Family Health Center, McKee Clinic, Krikes Clinic and the Sierra Family Health Center, serve the needs of patients throughout the community. In addition, the sites serve as valuable training grounds for physicians in the various residency programs.

Inland Faculty Medical Group was contracted in 1996 to manage the Sierra Family Health Center. Sierra Family Health Center is the only one of these centers to be managed by contract. All other clinics are licensed as hospital clinics and managed by hospital staff.

In reviewing the contract, it was discovered that the term to provide these services expired in June of 1998 and had never been renewed. The cause for this appears to be related to the contract numbering method as well as the existence of two separate agreements with Inland Faculty Medical Group. Once this was discovered, payments ceased and the issue is being brought to the Board for explanation and ratification. The service provided during the term of the expired agreement was appropriate and delivered without issue.

In conjunction with the review of contract payments, the Medical Center also conducted a review of clinical operations and has determined a professional services agreement, similar to the agreement in place at the County's High Desert Clinic, will best serve the needs of the facility. Sierra Clinic services are being provided by ARMC staff until such time as the agreement is brought to the Board of Supervisors for approval.

REVIEW BY OTHERS: This item has been reviewed by County Counsel (Charles J. Larkin, Deputy County Counsel) and County Management Staff.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: The service provided by Inland Faculty Medical Group for the 16-month period, July 1998 to October 1999, amounts to \$843,545. Eliminating the agreement for management services after that date will net the County approximately \$650,000 in annual cost savings.

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT(S): All

PRESENTER: Mark H. Uffer, Interim Director, Arrowhead Regional Medical Center

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